

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation and a violation of Federal election rules.

Sinclair clearly believes they have an outcome in the results of this election and they are forcing their affiliate stations to air a piece of political propaganda hoping to influence the November vote.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Their action in airing this propaganda piece does not serve the public interest; it serves their corporate interest.

The FCC should prohibit Sinclair from using the public airwaves to broadcast this propaganda.

Further, Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.